

Daily Eagle

CUSTOMS AT A HANGING.

The Forms Observed When the Law Takes a Man's Life at the Tombs. A great many customs surround a hanging in New York. They have been modified by law, which allows only the sheriff and assistant...

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No matter where in the state a hanging may be the staves are sent for and the sheriff's men carry them. They would not soon think of trying to have a hanging without a rope as without their staves. They are a relic of colonial days, when a hanging would draw as large an assemblage as a circus, and the officers who had charge of it appeared pompously in their official robes.

STORY OF A NOTABLE DINNER.

Congressmen, Correspondents and Cabinet Officers—Daniel Webster's Poetry. John Barney, who represented Baltimore in congress from 1825 to 1829, afterwards passed much of each session at Washington, and was a favorite "old bear" with the ladies for many years. Many amusing stories are told about him, among them one of a notable dinner which he gave in 1850, soon after the passage of the compromise bill. He invited about thirty congressmen and half a dozen correspondents to dine at a restaurant on Pennsylvania avenue, and then he ordered a dinner for twelve or fifteen guests, but the whole three dozen came. The hour was 6, and the guests began to get very hungry and very cross.

Finally, about 9 o'clock, the door of the dining room was opened and the first third of the guests who entered took seats, while the rest looked on in amazement. Merriment then took the place of anger. Cabinet ministers stood up and waited on foreign ministers, and United States senators in great gloom discharged the duties of Scipio and Seneca. A few grains of champagne let loose the tongues of all "honorable" gentlemen, and the dinner was long and pleasant, and never was a happier evening passed than was this after all.

The incident of the evening, or night rather, was between Mr. Webster, then secretary of state, and Mr. Poole, then secretary of the Mississippi. The dinner was ostensibly given to discharge the duties of governor in Jackson, Miss. Mr. Webster was commissioned to deliver the new governor, Poole, an address. The orator took the head of the table, and began in doggerel, the most charming, captivating, bewitching doggerel, with sparkles of pure poetry in it, that bubbled up and out as if from a Milton or a Byron, and the rhythmic doggerel and sparkling poetry ran on from him, it was his own, and he was so good, it may have been more. Here was Daniel Webster in a new character, a rhyme builder, a poet, a doggerel manufacturer. Every body was astonished, tickled, delighted, amazed, astounded. The plaudits were vociferous, and the great Daniel would seize hold of them, and slip them temporarily into his hands, and wear them into his rhythm. The world would have, if it could only get it, the richest sort of an intellectual treat in all that symposium; but Barney had no reporter his hand under the table, and alas, all is gone—Ben Perley Poore.

Every Tree was Whitewashed. The other day a pretty young lady occupied a seat on the hurricane deck of one of the large river packets. She was accompanied by a gentleman who was pointing out the interesting scenery. The young lady resides in a southern city, and this was her first visit to Minnesota. Of course she went into raptures over everything she saw. During the conversation the young lady bestowed her companion by exclaiming: "Oh look at that grove of trees. Every one is whitewashed. I wonder what they did it for?" It was a grove of birch trees.—Pioneer Press "Listener."

Care Taken of a Healer. Miss Woodford, the famous stake winner, is one of the pets of Long Branch. Her owners pay the strictest attention to her needs, and so that she is provided with the best of wardrobes. Her raiment when in public consists of a pinner worn with a broad girthing, a narrow band under her chin and a silvered front piece to hold her bangs in place. She is invariably accompanied by a little man in knee breeches and a parti-colored cap.—Chicago Times.

A Diary for the First Year. The Boston Record advises freshmen in college to keep a diary throughout the course. It is a fact that the diary for the first year would be, as a rule, interesting, if written candidly. An account of a freshman's feelings when held under a pump or smoked out would be harrowing enough to turn a small boy's hair gray.

Slade, the Maori, who felled as a pugilist, is keeping a saloon in Auburn, Cal.

The King of Servia. The king of Servia has fully regained his popularity with his people after his disastrous Bulgarian war. He has granted medals to the ladies who followed the queen's example in caring for the wounded in the hospitals.

Sending Mules by Express. And now comes a tale of woe from Burden, Cowley county, which, if true, takes the premium over all competitors. A man who got used at the country and longed to sell his farm received an offer from a Missouri man and accepted it. The Missouri man offered him seventeen mules for his farm, agreeing to ship the mules as soon as the deed to the farm was deposited with the mule man's banker. Accordingly the deed was forwarded, and the purchaser looked anxiously for the mules. He did not think of the animals coming by express until he received notice to call at the office. Upon calling he found seventeen china mules—the price of his farm. He lost no time in going to see his man, but the latter had sold out and shipped.—Leavenworth (Kan.)

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